

# Spotlight on Upstate...

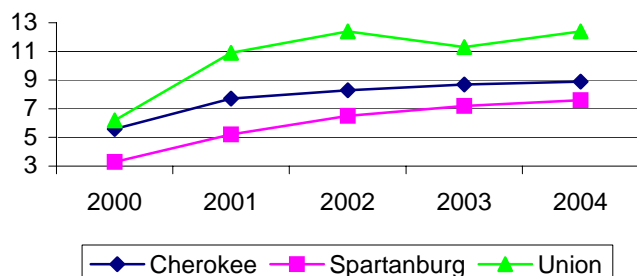
## Location & Climate

Located in the northwestern area of the state, the Upstate WIA is comprised of three counties: Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union. This area experiences average temperatures from the upper 50s to lower 60s, and between 48.21 and 50.46 inches of precipitation annually.

## Labor Force

The labor force in the Upstate area reached 169,338 in 2004. The 2004 unemployment rate spanned from 7.6% to 12.4% showing a decrease since 2003.

**Unemployment Rate by County**



## Population

**Total Area Population 2004:** 346,874  
**Male:** 48.4% **Female:** 51.6%  
**White:** 74.7% **Nonwhite:** 25.3%

## Employment

Average monthly employment in 2004 for counties across the Upstate WIA ranged from 11,447 in Union to 121,003 in Spartanburg.

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2004, unemployment insurance benefits paid by workforce centers in the Upstate WIA reached a total of \$37,111,035

## Per Capita Income

Per capita income for Upstate WIA counties in 2003 ranged from \$21,492 in Cherokee County to \$25,773 in Spartanburg County, between 82% and 99% of the state's PCI of \$26,144.

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